

# ***State of Missouri Mutual Aid System***



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# INTRODUCTION

Missouri communities have historically relied upon mutual aid resources in combating fire and other emergency situations exceeding the capability of a single jurisdiction. In 1990 the Missouri General Assembly enacted House Bill 1395-1448 which provided the support for establishing a statewide mutual aid system for major emergencies or disasters. This legislation was key to the subsequent mutual aid system as it exists today.

Initially, a representative cross-section of the fire service contributed to the organization of the system based on fire service experience. With continued input and support from all fire service throughout the state, the system stands ready to mitigate the effects of small or large scale emergency.

The Division of Fire Safety thanks those who have contributed their time and effort in making this system a reality.

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### Mutual Aid Law

#### **320.090. Emergency services, contracts for mutual aid operative in disasters - requirements.**

1. Any municipal fire department, fire protection district or volunteer fire protection association, as defined by section 320.300, may enter into contracts providing for mutual aid regarding emergency services provided by such fire department, fire protection district or volunteer fire protection association. The contracts that are agreed upon may provide for compensation from the parties and other terms that are agreeable to the parties and may be for an indefinite period as long as they include a sixty-day cancellation notice by either party. The contracts agreed upon may not be entered into for the purpose of reduction of manpower by either party.
2. Any municipal fire department, fire protection association or volunteer fire protection association may provide assistance to any other municipal fire department, fire protection district or volunteer fire protection association in the state at the time of a significant emergency such as a fire, earthquake, flood, tornado, hazardous material incident or other such disaster. The chief or highest ranking fire officer may render aid to any requesting fire department, fire protection district or volunteer fire protection association as long as he is acting in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth by the governing board of that governmental entity or association.
3. When responding on mutual aid or emergency aid requests, the fire department, fire protection district, or volunteer fire association shall be subject to all provisions of law as if it were providing service within its own jurisdiction.

(L. 1990 H.B. 1395 & 1448 1 subsec. 1, 2, 3)  
(Revised Statutes of Missouri 1992, Chapter 320)

Mutual Aid Law (cont'd)

**Mutual-aid agreements—participation in statewide mutual aid system—reimbursement for services provided, benefits.**

44.090. 1. The executive officer of any political subdivision may enter into mutual-aid arrangements or agreements with other public and private agencies within and without the state for reciprocal emergency aid. Such arrangements or agreements shall be consistent with the state disaster plan and program and the provisions of section 70.837, RSMo, and section 320.090, RSMo. In time of emergency it shall be the duty of each local organization for emergency management to render assistance in accordance with the provisions of such mutual-aid arrangements or agreements.

2. Any contracts that are agreed upon may provide for compensation from the parties and other terms that are agreeable to the parties and may be for an indefinite period as long as they include a sixty-day cancellation notice provision by either party. The contracts agreed upon may not be entered into for the purpose of reduction of staffing by either party.

3. At the time of significant emergency such as fire, earthquake, flood, tornado, hazardous material incident, terrorist incident, or other such manmade or natural emergency disaster anywhere within the state or bordering states, the highest ranking official of a political subdivision available may render aid to any requesting political jurisdiction, even without written agreement, as long as he or she is in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth by the governing board of that jurisdiction.

4. When responding to mutual aid or emergency aid requests, political subdivisions shall be subject to all provisions of law as if it were providing service within its own jurisdiction.

5. All political subdivisions within the state are, upon enactment of this legislation or execution of an agreement, automatically a part of the Missouri statewide mutual aid system. A political subdivision within the state may elect not to participate in the statewide mutual aid system upon enacting an appropriate resolution by its governing body declaring that it elects not to participate in the statewide mutual aid system and by providing a copy of the resolution to the state fire marshal and state emergency management agency.

6. Emergency response agencies shall include fire service organizations, law enforcement agencies, emergency medical service organizations, public health and medical personnel, emergency management officials, infrastructure departments, public works agencies, and those other agencies, organizations, and departments that have personnel with special skills or training that are needed to provide services during an emergency or disaster.

7. It shall be the responsibility of each political subdivision to adopt and put into practice the National Incident Management System promulgated by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

8. In the event of a disaster that is beyond the capability of local political subdivisions, the local governing authority may request assistance under this section.

9. Any entity or individual that holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by a participating political subdivision or state shall be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted in the requesting political subdivision for the duration of the declared emergency or authorized drill.

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### Mutual Aid Law (cont'd)

10. Reimbursement for services rendered under this section shall be in accordance with state and federal guidelines. Any political subdivision providing assistance shall receive appropriate reimbursement according to those guidelines.

11. Applicable benefits normally available to personnel while performing duties for their jurisdiction are also available to such persons when an injury or death occurs when rendering assistance to another political subdivision under this section. Responders shall be eligible for the same state and federal benefits that may be available to them for line- of-duty deaths if such services are otherwise provided for within their jurisdiction.

12. All activities performed under this section are deemed to be governmental functions. For the purposes of liability, all participating political subdivisions responding under operational control of the requesting political subdivision are deemed employees of such participating political subdivision.

(L. 1951 p. 536 § 26.220, Reenacted L. 1953 p. 553, Reenacted L. 1955 p. 607, A.L. 1967 p. 122, A.L. 1998 S.B. 743, A.L. 2003 H.B. 307, A.L. 2005 H.B. 58 merged with S.B. 210)

## **Organization**

The fire service includes all public entities furnishing fire protection within the state and all agencies and departments of the state which provide fire protection services. In the event of a major emergency or a state-wide disaster, all fire protection agencies become an organizational part of the system.

**A.     Local Representation**

The fire chief or senior fire service official of each local entity providing fire protection will serve as fire service representative to their respective Area Coordinator.

**B.     Area Fire & Rescue Coordinator**

Area Coordinators are selected by representatives of local fire service entities within an area (normally a county). They shall appoint one or more alternate Area Coordinators to serve in their absence.

**C.     Regional Fire & Rescue Coordinators**

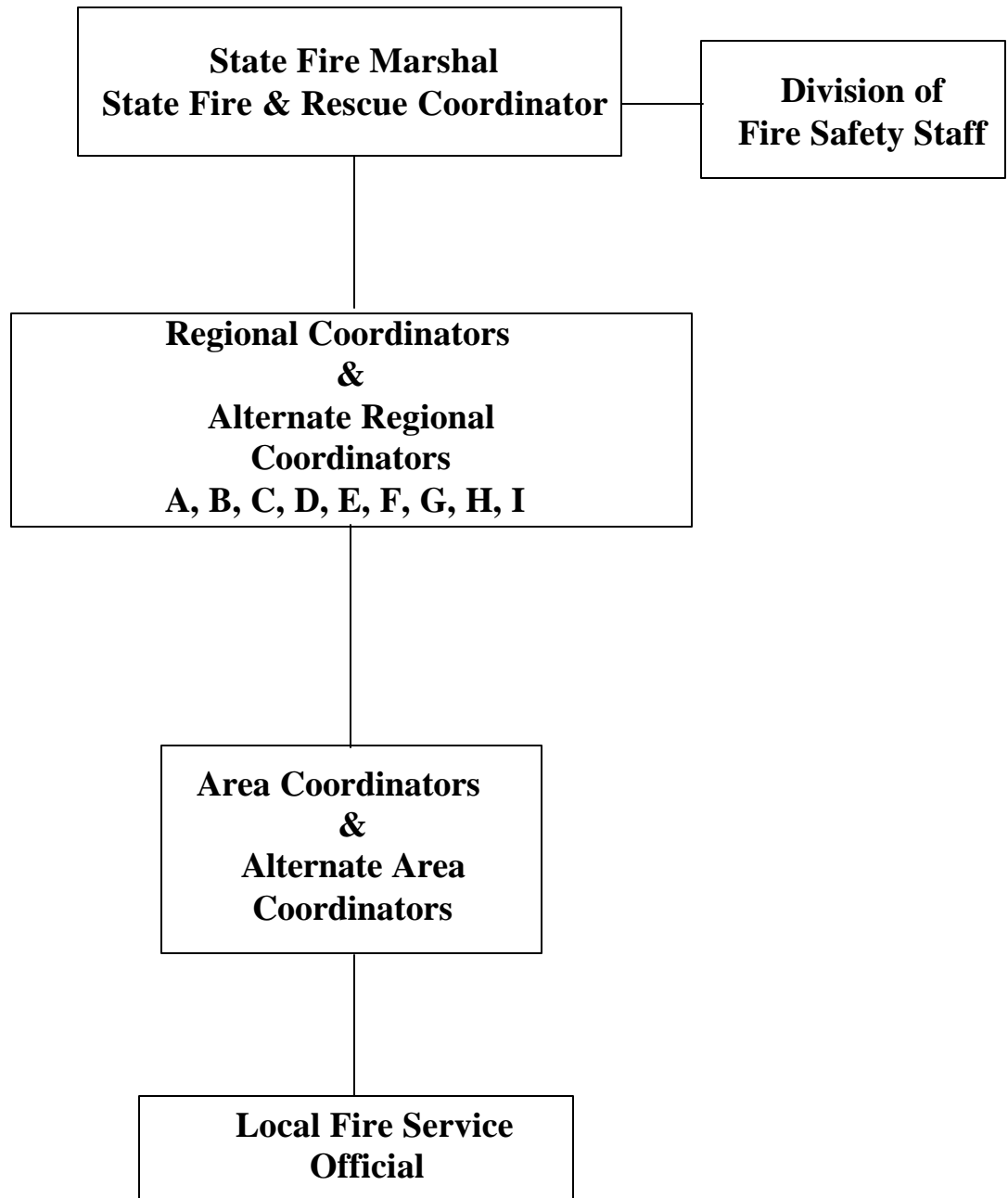
Regional Coordinators are selected for a three year term by Area Coordinators within their respective regions. They shall appoint one or more alternate Regional Coordinators to serve in the absence of the Regional Coordinator.

**D.     State Fire & Rescue Coordinator**

The State Coordinator is the State Fire Marshal in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety. The State Fire Marshal is responsible for taking appropriate action on request for mutual aid received through Regional Coordinators. The State Fire Marshal serves on the Executive Committee in the State Emergency Operations Center when activated.



## ***ORGANIZATIONAL CHART***



## **Activation of Plan (Mobilization)**

A. When determined by the responsible fire and rescue official that jurisdictional resources are inadequate to cope with the emergency at hand, the following steps should be taken:

1. Activate **local** mutual aid plan. (This usually means calling neighboring fire services).
2. Notify the Area Coordinator.
3. Prepare to receive and utilize mutual aid requested as it arrives.

### **When jurisdictional and local mutual aid resources are determined inadequate:**

4. Request needed resources according to **area** mutual aid plan.

B. The Area Coordinator will:

1. Evaluate resource availability within the operational area.
2. Coordinate the dispatch of requested resources from those available within the Area.
3. Notify the Regional Coordinator and report current situation and status of resources in the area.
4. Request mutual aid resources to fulfill request initiated by local jurisdiction or to reinforce seriously depleted resources within the Area.

C. The Regional Coordinator will upon notification.

1. Evaluate resource availability within the operational area.
2. Coordinate the dispatch of requested resources from within the region (according to the adopted plan)
3. Notify the State Coordinator, reporting known situation and resource status of the region.



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4. The State Coordinator will upon notification:
  - a. Evaluate conditions and resource availability throughout the state.
  - b. Alert all other Regional Coordinators of anticipated inter-regional dispatch of fire service resources.
  - c. Activate appropriate Incident Support Team members.
  - c. Select regions from which resources are to be mobilized to fulfill requests.
  - d. Coordinate the response of inter-regional mutual aid resources.
  - e. Act as Fire Service Representative in the State Emergency Operations Center, if state mutual aid is activated.
  - f. Process messages and requests for fire resources received from the State EOC.

## **How To Request Mutual Aid**

This information is presented to assist the local fire chief in obtaining emergency mutual aid assistance on a timely basis. This information is not intended to modify or change any existing agreements or operational plans between your agencies and other parties.

- 1) Contact your Area Fire & Rescue Coordinator  
If unknown contact your Regional or State Fire & Rescue Coordinator
- 2) Identify yourself - Preferably the local fire chief will make the request. If unavailable, state "this request is being made for Chief \_\_\_\_\_."
- 3) State the reason for your request. Provide as much information as possible. The Area Coordinator needs this information so your needs can be met as quickly as possible.
- 4) State the type(s) and quantity of fire service resources needed. Be specific.  
(Refer to resource list next page.)
- 5) State "when" you need the resources. Immediately or a later specified time.
- 6) State "where" resources are to report. An address, crossroad, staging area, etc.  
Be specific.
- 7) Identify a person to report to and what fire frequency incoming apparatus should use.
- 8) Is there a water system?



# FIRE DEPARTMENT REGISTRATION MUTUAL AID EQUIPMENT INFORMATION WORKSHEET

MAIL OR FAX COMPLETED FORM TO:

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY  
P.O. Box 844  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65102  
FAX: 573-751-1744

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME:			FDID:
FIRE DEPARTMENT ADDRESS:			PHONE:
CITY, STATE, ZIP:			COUNTY:
CHIEF'S NAME:	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	PHONE:	
CONTACT PERSON (if other than chief):	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	PHONE:	
DEPARTMENT TYPE:		PERSONNEL (complete each applicable field):	
<input type="checkbox"/> ALL PAID		NUMBER PAID _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> ALL VOLUNTEER		NUMBER VOLUNTEER _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> PART PAID / PART VOLUNTEER		NUMBER PAID PER CALL _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> PART PAID / PART PAID PER CALL			
<input type="checkbox"/> ALL MEMBERS PAID PER CALL			
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (yes/no):	NUMBER OF FIRE STATIONS:	POPULATION SERVED:	NUMBER OF SQUARE MILES IN DISTRICT:
NUMBER OF RESPONSES PER YEAR:	CODE ENFORCEMENT (circle or fill in blank):		
	BOCA      UFC      NFPA      OTHER: _____		
SENATORIAL DISTRICT:		REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT:	

## MUTUAL AID EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

See instruction sheet for Region and Coordinator

MUTUAL AID REGION (same as Hwy. Patrol Troop):	MUTUAL AID AREA COORDINATOR:
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ENGINES (NFPA 1901 COMPLIANT)		IN USE	AVAILABLE	RESCUE UNITS		IN USE	AVAILABLE
TYPE 1	1000 GPM OR GREATER			HEAVY / MED	AIR BAGS		
	1200' 2 1/2 HOSE OR LARGER				CRIBBING		
	GROUND LADDERS				LIGHTING		
	BOOSTER TANK				HYD / AIR OPERATED / ELECTRIC		
TYPE 2	750-999 GPM			LIGHT	EXTRICATION TOOLS (i.e. HURST)		
	1200' 2 1/2 HOSE OR LARGER				PORTA POWER KIT		
	GROUND LADDERS				GENERATOR		
	BOOSTER TANK				POWER SAW		
TYPE 3	TELESQUIRT				PORTA POWER KIT		
TYPE 4	OTHER ENGINE NOT FITTING ABOVE SPECS.				HAND TOOLS		
WATER TENDERS (TANKERS) NFPA 1901 COMPLIANT				SPECIAL EQUIPMENT / UNITS			
TYPE 1	1000-2499 GALLONS				AIR TEAMS		
TYPE 2	2500 + GALLONS				MOBILE MECHANIC		
TRUCK COMPANIES					FUEL TENDER		
TYPE 1	AERIAL				HAZ-MAT UNIT		
TYPE 1P	AERIAL WITH PUMP / QUINT				LIGHTING UNITS		
TYPE 2	PLATFORM LADDER				MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS		
TYPE 2P	PLATFORM LADDER WITH PUMP			PERSONNEL			
TYPE 3	SNORKEL				F.D. PERSONNEL		
TYPE 3P	SNORKEL WITH PUMP				SCUBA / DIVING		
BRUSH - WILDLAND UNIT					RAPPELLING		
	PUMP, TANK, HOSE				EMT'S		
					PARAMEDICS		
					BOMB TECH'S OR DISPOSAL		

List other equipment not listed above on a separate sheet

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**REGION IDENTIFICATION**

**REGION A**

Bates  
Benton  
Carroll  
Cass  
Clay  
Henry  
Jackson  
Johnson  
Lafayette  
Pettis  
Platte  
Ray  
Saline

**REGION B**

Adair  
Charition  
Clark  
Knox  
Lewis  
Linn  
Macon  
Marion  
Monroe  
Putnam  
Ralls  
Randolph  
Schuyler  
Scotland  
Shelby  
Sullivan

**REGION C**

Franklin  
Jefferson  
Lincoln  
Perry  
Pike  
St. Charles  
St. Francois  
St. Louis  
Ste. Genevieve  
Warren  
Washington

**REGION D**

Barry  
Barton  
Cedar  
Christian  
Dade  
Dallas  
Greene  
Hickory  
Jasper  
Lawrence  
McDonald  
Newton  
Polk  
St. Clair  
Stone  
Taney  
Vernon  
Webster

**REGION E**

Bollinger  
Butler  
Cape Girardeau  
Dunklin  
Iron  
Madison  
Mississippi  
New Madrid  
Pemiscot  
Ripley  
Scott  
Stoddard  
Wayne

**REGION F**

Audrain  
Boone  
Callaway  
Camden  
Cole  
Cooper  
Gasconade  
Howard  
Miller  
Moniteau  
Montgomery  
Morgan  
Osage

**REGION G**

Carter  
Douglas  
Howell  
Oregon  
Ozark  
Reynolds  
Shannon  
Texas  
Wright

**REGION H**

Atchison  
Andrew  
Buchanan  
Caldwell  
Clinton  
Daviess  
DeKalb  
Gentry  
Grundy  
Harrison  
Holt  
Livingston  
Mercer  
Nodaway  
Worth

**REGION I**

Crawford  
Dent  
Laclede  
Maries  
Phelps  
Pulaski



**Department of Public Safety  
Division of Fire Safety  
State Fire Marshal**

**Phone Numbers**

**(800) 877-5688**

**(573) 751-2930**

**State Emergency Operations**

**(573) 751-2748**